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This Annual Report is compiled in accordance with suggestions for the arrangement of Annual Reports by School Medical Officers contained in Form 6M of the Board of Education dated 1st January 1935.

1.

STAFF.

December 31st, 1934.

School Medical Officer :—G. H. Pearce, M.D. (Durh.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.P.H. (Camb.), L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.), L.R.F.P.S. (Glas.), Barrister-at-Law (Inner Temple).

School Oculist :—Randal Herley, B.A., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., (Edin.), L.R.F.P.S. (Glas.).

School Dentist :—Marion M. Thom, L.D.S.

School Nurses :—H. Evans (Superintendent), E. Farthing K. Taylor, D. M. Hill and M. E. Milburn.

Clerks :—H. Ling, K. Lister and L. Allatt.

Nurses Farthing, Taylor, Hill and Milburn possess the new certificate recognised by the Ministry of Health for Health Visitors and School Nurses. All School Nurses are also Health Visitors. The Clerks perform all the clerical work arising from duties under the Public Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, and Education Committees.

2. **CO-ORDINATION.**

Infant and Child Welfare.—The School Medical Officer is also Medical Officer of Health, and as such is responsible for the administration of the whole of the Medical Services of the Corporation. There is close co-ordination between these Services.

3. **SCHOOL HYGIENE.**

The following particulars have been furnished from the Education Office in connection with repairs during 1934 :—

(4)

CARLINGHOW	New floor in class-room of Girls' Department. Four new metal-framed windows in Girls' Department.
FIELD LANE INFANTS'	Electric Light installed.
PURLWELL SENIOR MIXED	Part of playground re-surfaced.
ST. MARY'S R.C.	New department for Boys opened Whitsuntide, 1934.
WARWICK ROAD	Electric Light installed in the Infants' Department.
MILL LANE	Electric Light installed in the Infants' Department.

The new windows at Carlinghow Girls' School are unsuitable and do not conform to modern ideas from the hygienic aspect. The Medical Officer was consulted but his advice was not accepted.

4. MEDICAL INSPECTION.

ROUTINE.—Age groups inspected during 1934 were (1) on first admission, (2) on attaining the age of eight years, (3) on attaining the age of twelve years.

NON-ROUTINE.—The non-routine class comprises children who are known or suspected to be suffering from any defect and who are presented by teachers, parent, nurses, etc., for examination by the School Medical Officer as "Special" cases at the Schools or School Clinic. All children who, as the result of routine or special examination, are found to be suffering from any defect are re-inspected at regular intervals until the defect is remedied, they have left school, or the parents have refused to permit treatment.

The Board's Schedule of Medical inspection has been followed throughout.

5. FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS FOUND AT ROUTINE EXAMINATIONS, EXCLUDING DEFECTIVE TEETH, 1908-1934.					
Free from classified defects.			Found suffering from one or more classified defects.		
Averages	1908—12	40.2%	Averages	1908—12	59.7%
"	1913—17	40.8%	"	1913—17	59.0%
"	1918—22	44.8%	"	1918—22	55.1%
"	1923—27	47.8%	"	1923—27	52.2%
"	1928—32	59.6%	"	1928—32	40.4%
1933	.. ..	58.1%	1933	.. ..	41.9%
1934	.. ..	58.3%	1934	.. ..	41.7%
If verminous conditions are deducted the figures are :—					
Free from classified defects.			Found suffering from one or more classified defects.		
Averages	1908—12	77.6%	Averages	1908—12	22.3%
"	1913—17	54.3%	"	1913—17	45.2%
"	1918—22	51.5%	"	1918—22	48.3%
"	1923—27	50.2%	"	1923—27	49.7%
"	1928—32	60.1%	"	1928—32	39.7%
1933	.. ..	58.3%	1933	.. ..	41.7%
1934	.. ..	58.4%	1934	.. ..	41.6%

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN FOUND WITH DEFECTS
AT ROUTINE EXAMINATIONS, EXCLUDING
DEFECTIVE TEETH, 1934.

School.	Infants.	Girls.	Boys.
Wilton Park	—	100.0	100.0
Parish Church	26.3	42.4	31.1
Brownhill	41.7	47.8	33.3
Carlinghow	41.0	51.6	47.8
Field Lane	17.6	—	—
Healey	50.0	53.1	51.7
Park Road	17.9	52.7	43.1
Purlwell	13.5	35.6	42.9
St. Mary's	22.9	40.0	48.5
Staincliffe	18.2	30.8	75.0
Warwick Road	41.4	61.4	54.4
Gregory Street	8.3	62.5	33.3
Hanging Heaton	—	66.7	33.3
Mill Lane	26.3	53.8	54.3

(6)

(a) HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS, 1934.

School.	Department.	Heights, 1934. Inches.	Weights, 1934. Lbs.
PURLWELL ..	Girls .. 13 Group	56.9	82.3
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.8	53.4
	Boys .. 13 Group	55.5	80.7
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.1	56.4
	Infants 5 Male	42.0	40.7
	Infants 5 Female	41.8	39.4
WARWICK RD.	Girls .. 13 Group	54.8	77.9
	Girls .. 9 Group	47.5	50.9
	Boys .. 13 Group	55.5	79.7
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.1	55.4
	Infants 5 Male	40.1	36.6
	Infants 5 Female	40.7	37.3
BROWNHILL ..	Girls .. 13 Group	55.7	78.1
	Girls .. 9 Group	47.7	51.6
	Boys .. 13 Group	56.4	81.3
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.9	54.6
	Infants 5 Male	40.3	37.5
	Infants 5 Female	41.3	39.7
CARLINGHOW	Girls .. 13 Group	57.3	79.4
	Girls .. 9 Group	49.4	52.5
	Boys .. 13 Group	—	—
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.6	53.8
	Infants 5 Male	41.5	38.5
	Infants 5 Female	42.2	38.4
ST. MARY'S ..	Girls .. 13 Group	54.8	71.2
	Girls .. 9 Group	47.7	51.2
	Boys .. 13 Group	54.4	74.6
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.6	55.5
	Infants 5 Male	40.7	40.7
	Infants 5 Female	40.9	38.9
PARK ROAD ..	Girls .. 13 Group	56.5	80.4
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.3	51.2
	Boys .. 13 Group	55.1	77.8
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.1	56.1
	Infants 5 Male	41.4	39.8
	Infants 5 Female	41.1	36.7
PARISH CHURCH	Girls .. 13 Group	57.5	89.5
	Girls .. 9 Group	47.9	52.2
	Boys .. 13 Group	55.2	74.7
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.6	55.4
	Infants 5 Male	41.5	38.5
	Infants 5 Female	41.1	35.9

HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS, 1934 (Continued).

School.	Department.	Heights, 1934. Inches.	Weights, 1934. Lbs.
GREGORY ST.	Girls ..13 Group	—	—
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.9	55.7
	Boys ..13 Group	—	—
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.0	53.9
	Infants 5 Male	41.6	38.9
	Infants 5 Female	41.7	40.6
MILL LANE ..	Girls ..13 Group	57.9	83.8
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.9	54.0
	Boys ..13 Group	56.1	80.9
	Boys .. 9 Group	49.2	57.6
	Infants 5 Male	42.0	39.4
	Infants 5 Female	41.7	37.3
HANGING HEATON ..	Girls ..13 Group	—	—
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.1	53.4
	Boys ..13 Group	—	—
	Boys .. 9 Group	45.8	53.2
	Infants 5 Male	—	—
	Infants 5 Female	—	—
STAINCLIFFE ..	Girls ..13 Group	—	—
	Girls .. 9 Group	49.5	54.8
	Boys ..13 Group	—	—
	Boys .. 9 Group	50.3	55.7
	Infants 5 Male	42.3	39.6
	Infants 5 Female	42.2	39.8
HEALEY.. ..	Girls ..13 Group	57.5	81.1
	Girls .. 9 Group	48.9	54.8
	Boys ..13 Group	56.0	77.6
	Boys .. 9 Group	48.6	54.9
	Infants 5 Male	42.1	38.1
	Infants 5 Female	41.3	39.3
FIELD LANE ..	Infants 5 Male	41.6	38.1
	Infants 5 Female	39.4	35.6

ANTHROPOMETRICAL COMMITTEE'S STANDARD FOR
ENGLAND AND WALES.

WEIGHT.

Boys 5 Group 39.9lbs.	Boys 9 Group 60.5lbs.	Boys 13 Group 82.6lbs.
Girls 5 Group 39.2lbs.	Girls 9 Group 55.5lbs.	Girls 13 Group 87.2lbs.

HEIGHT.

Boys 5 Group 41.0ins.	Boys 9 Group 49.5ins.	Boys 13 Group 56.9ins.
Girls 5 Group 40.5ins.	Girls 9 Group 48.5ins.	Girls 13 Group 57.7ins.

(b) **UNCLEANLINESS.**—During the year 18,253 surprise examinations of scholars were made by the School Nurses in the Schools. 439 individual children, being 10.1 per cent of the scholars on the school registers, were found to be in a verminous condition. There was one prosecution. During each of the six years preceeding 1933 the figure for verminous scholars increased. In 1932 it was 11.8 per cent. but in 1933 it fell to 9.8 per cent. and in 1934 to 10.1 per cent.

(c) **MINOR AILMENTS AND DISEASES OF THE SKIN** are treated at the School Clinic. A charge of 1/- per year, first fortnight free, is made. This money is not now paid, the last date being December, 1927.

X-ray treatment of ringworm and arrangements in connection therewith are mentioned on page 8 of the annual report for 1932.

(d) **VISUAL DEFECTS AND EXTERNAL EYE DISEASE.** 10 scholars were seen at routine examinations and 1 scholar at special examination suffering from blepharitis. 5 were referred for treatment the others already receiving it.

The report of Dr. Randal Herley follows :

Dr. G. H. Pearce, M.O.H.,
School Medical Officer,
Batley.

54 Bradford Road,
Dewsbury.
January, 4th, 1935.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Report on the work done in the Ophthalmic clinic at Batley during the year 1934.

From January 11th to November 22nd 1934 two hundred and forty-four children were examined, and glasses were prescribed in two hundred and nine cases :—

Hypermetropia	...	...	...	...	...	64
Compound Hypermetropic Astigmatism					...	50
Simple Hypermetropic Astigmatism				...	...	24
Myopia	...	...	...	...	...	39
Compound Myopic Astigmatism				...	...	15
Simple Myopic Astigmatism				...	...	9
Mixed Astigmatism		...	...	...	...	8

In thirty-three cases the glasses already prescribed were satisfactory. No glasses were prescribed in two cases. Fifteen children had concomitant convergent squint. There were two cases of Blepharitis, and one child had partial Amblyopia.

The Nursing Staff assisted me splendidly and I wish to thank them.

Yours faithfully,

RANDAL HERLEY.

(e) NOSE AND THROAT DEFECTS and arrangements for their treatment at Batley Hospital are described on pages 12 and 13 of the annual report for 1924. The position is similar to-day.

During 1934 23 cases were referred by the School Medical Officer and 17 operated upon. In addition, the Education Committee paid the Batley Hospital for 42 cases under the scheme. See Table IV, Group III.

(f) EAR DISEASE AND DEFECTIVE HEARING.—The position with regard to treatment is the same as that described on page 9 of the annual report for the year 1933 of the School Medical Officer.

(g) DENTAL DEFECTS.—The following report is by Miss Thom, L.D.S., School Dental Officer :—

To the School Medical Officer, Batley.

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my report for 1934.

All the Schools have been inspected once during the year. One more age group has been included so that children aged 4 now receive routine examination and treatment. Caries was found to be very prevalent in this group.

The percentage actually treated was 55.4.

The percentage of acceptances was considerably higher but there are always a number of appointments broken for various reasons, namely illness, disinclination to pay the fee of 6d. per attendance as required by the Board of Education, etc.

The refusals are made up largely by the same parents on behalf of their children every year. Treatment is only sought when in pain. In the majority of cases where treatment is refused the excuse offered is that the services of a private practitioner will be sought but this is not done. It is one way of avoiding treatment and the equivalent of a refusal.

It is more satisfactory to concentrate on the willing patients and, where possible, to give them complete treatment throughout their school life than to occupy time giving occasional treatment to patients one has had to coerce, and who, on other occasions, invariably refuse.

Twenty-two children attending Wilton Park School were inspected and 17 referred for treatment. The parents of 15 of these accepted on behalf of their children. The remaining two, who were urgently in need of treatment, were not treated because their parents declined permission and their record cards show a persistent refusal in the past.

Yours faithfully,
MARION M. THOM. L.D.S.
School Dental Officer.

DENTAL INSPECTIONS AT SCHOOLS, 1934.

SCHOOL.	CHILDREN EXAMINED.												Referred for treatment.	Per cent. referred for treatment.	Actually treated.	Per cent. actually treated on total referred.
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total					
Purlwell. . . .	—	40	40	52	67	58	60	61	55	56	489	363	74.2	204	56.1	
Healey	—	31	27	34	34	35	35	62	76	53	387	281	72.6	141	50.1	
Staincliffe . .	8	14	10	19	23	16	15	4	—	—	109	78	71.5	53	67.9	
Park Road . .	21	26	36	31	54	49	49	55	70	—	391	264	67.5	148	56.0	
Gregory Street	24	22	15	27	19	23	24	2	—	—	156	118	75.6	68	57.6	
Brownhill . .	14	10	20	15	25	25	28	25	25	—	187	129	68.9	62	48.0	
Field Lane . .	32	30	28	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	101	68	67.3	36	52.9	
Hanging Heaton	4	8	10	5	8	5	4	2	—	—	46	34	73.9	14	41.1	
Mill Lane . .	18	14	20	23	19	30	38	44	43	—	249	184	73.8	75	40.1	
Wilton Park..	—	—	3	2	7	5	2	—	1	2	22	17	77.2	15	88.2	
Warwick Road	29	25	34	51	44	44	52	48	51	—	378	285	75.3	123	43.1	
St. Mary's . .	43	51	53	49	63	47	54	48	68	—	476	382	80.2	156	40.8	
Parish Church	31	28	34	35	39	32	33	36	34	—	302	214	70.8	144	67.2	
Carlinghow . .	30	31	43	58	56	58	32	20	22	—	350	269	76.8	194	72.1	

Year.	No. of children inspected by dentist.	No. found to require treatment.	No. actually treated.
1920	1,379	472	365
1921	1,583	798	306
1922	1,515	778	489
1923	1,166	646	362
1924	2,832	2,137	992
1925	2,327	1,960	1,247
1926	3,631	2,298	1,275
	*4,953		
1927	3,958	3,073	1,773
	*6,506		
1928	5,099	3,028	1,470
1929	4,464	3,512	2,195
1930	4,434	3,443	1,967
1931	4,566	3,607	2,075
1932	3,969	3,059	1,843
1933	4,015	2,900	1,507
1934	3,690	2,767	1,584

* Actual Number of inspections.

(h) ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.—No definite scheme has been ratified but correspondence has passed between the Education Committee and Board of Education. Three scholars have received remedial exercises at Dewsbury Infirmary on payment, and one at Leeds Infirmary free of charge. Two children, receiving treatment at Leeds Infirmary, were transferred to Dewsbury Infirmary.

(i) HEART DISEASE AND RHEUMATISM.—Fourteen scholars were found at the routine examinations to be suffering from cardiac disease or disorder. Rheumatism was the principal cause. Appropriate advice was given to parents and teachers in the case of each child.

(j) Ten scholars were seen whose condition appeared probably due to tuberculosis of the lungs. A number also, as is usual, had enlargement of the cervical glands, the result of tubercular infection. They were referred for examination and treatment by their family doctor or at the tuberculosis dispensary and the usual administrative procedure followed.

(k) OTHER DEFECTS AND DISEASES when detected were referred for treatment in the routine manner, if such was found necessary. Of these 114 were seen and 97 kept under observation in view of future possibilities.

6. FOLLOWING UP.—The arrangements have been explained in previous Annual Reports to which reference may be made. The School Nurses made 2,412 visits to homes and 558 to schools respecting scholars suffering from physical defects during 1934, apart from 308 other visits on account of verminous or allied conditions.

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TREATMENT.—All scholars found suffering from defects which need treatment are referred in the first instance to their own doctor. If, for various reasons, treatment is not obtained they are then recommended to attend the School Clinic or other suitable institutions. The methods employed or available have been described in previous annual reports.

The most urgent matters outstanding are the treatment of orthopaedic and aural diseases and defects.

8. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—The procedure for exclusion of school children has been described in previous annual reports. During 1934 Head Teachers reported 168 and the School Attendance Officers 45 cases of infectious or contagious disease amongst scholars.

Articles 45 (b), 53(b), and 57 of the Code (Grant Regulations Nos. 8 and 9).

1 certificate has been given under the above-mentioned Articles during the year.

9. OPEN AIR EDUCATION.

(a) Playground classes. Where suitable, several schools take the opportunity of using the school yard for occasional classes.

(b) At Healey Senior and St. Mary's Boys schools there are open air classrooms. (c) There are no school camps but boys from Park Road School have been sent for a camping holiday by the Park Road Old Boys Association and boys from Schools in the town by the Toc H. Batley Group. Girls from Park Road School have been sent to a holiday camp from funds provided by the efforts of the School Teachers.

**Particulars respecting Children discharged from Open-air
School during 1934.**

24 scholars were admitted and 21 discharged for various reasons.

	Date of admis.	Height		Weight		Inspiration		Expiration		Date of disch.
		On admis. Ins.	On disch. Ins.	On admis. Lbs.	On disch. Lbs.	On admis. Ins.	On disch. Ins.	On admis. Ins.	On disch. Ins.	
BOYS:—										
B.O. . . .	21.4.32	39 $\frac{7}{8}$	48 $\frac{3}{8}$	44	51 $\frac{1}{4}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	25	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23.2.34
G.M. . . .	21.6.32	49	51 $\frac{3}{4}$	48	53	24	25	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	23.2.34
D.A. . . .	13.6.33	48 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	26	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	24	20.12.34
G.D. . . .	25.10.33	51 $\frac{1}{4}$	53 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{7}{8}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	25	22	23	17.8.34
*K.M. . . .	9.1.34	47 $\frac{7}{8}$	—	49 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	23	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	17.8.34
C.S. . . .	26.2.34	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 $\frac{1}{4}$	45 $\frac{3}{8}$	23	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	20.12.34
J.S. . . .	5.3.34	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	56 $\frac{3}{8}$	63	71	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	20.12.34
GIRLS:—										
K.W. . . .	19.7.32	46 $\frac{7}{8}$	53 $\frac{3}{8}$	41 $\frac{3}{4}$	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	20.12.34
V.M. . . .	6.9.32	39 $\frac{3}{4}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	34	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	17.8.34
S.L. . . .	6.9.32	42 $\frac{5}{8}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{8}$	44 $\frac{3}{8}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.2.34
M.R. . . .	7.9.32	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{7}{8}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	23.2.34
D.S. . . .	12.12.32	49 $\frac{1}{8}$	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	53 $\frac{3}{4}$	65	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	23	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	17.8.34
M.Harg. . .	25.10.33	50	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	61	64 $\frac{1}{4}$	25 $\frac{3}{4}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.5.34
M.Har. . .	20.11.33	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{3}{4}$	63	25	26	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	18.5.34
J.B. . . .	8.1.33	57 $\frac{3}{4}$	59 $\frac{7}{8}$	65 $\frac{1}{8}$	74	26	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{3}{4}$	20.12.34
F.H. . . .	8.1.34	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{3}{8}$	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	64	25	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	20.12.34
M.W. . . .	8.1.34	55 $\frac{1}{8}$	56 $\frac{3}{8}$	70 $\frac{1}{8}$	76 $\frac{1}{4}$	26	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	17.8.34
S.T. . . .	8.1.34	47 $\frac{3}{8}$	48 $\frac{5}{8}$	46 $\frac{3}{8}$	49	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	17.8.34
A.J. . . .	20.2.34	49 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 $\frac{1}{8}$	58 $\frac{1}{8}$	56 $\frac{7}{8}$	25	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.5.34
†M.S. . . .	26.2.34	49 $\frac{1}{8}$	—	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	23	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	20.12.34
M.R. . . .	10.9.34	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	57 $\frac{3}{4}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	77	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	20.12.34

* Discharged. Child was attending Tuberculosis Dispensary.

† Discharged. Child not attended since 5.11.34 owing to illness.

10. PHYSICAL TRAINING.—There are no arrangements for associating the work of physical training in the schools with the School Medical Service. There is no Area Organiser. I understand from the Education Department that the new syllabus has been forwarded to Head Teachers.

11. PROVISION OF MEALS.—The Secretary for Education states 13 free meals were provided during 1934, in addition to the free meals provided at the Open-Air School. The West Riding County Council provided 288 free meals for children who reside in the Urban District of Birstall but attend Batley Schools.

Following the issue of Circular 1437 of the Board of Education dated Sept. 5th 1934, the Committee arranged for a supply of pasteurised milk to be provided for the scholars at the open air school. The scholars at the ordinary elementary schools are not included in this scheme, but the head teachers at the following schools have made arrangements for the supply of pasteurised milk by the Batley Co-operative Society (which possesses a modern pasteurising plant) under the Milk Marketing Board Scheme.

Parish Church (Mixed and Infants), Carlinghow Council (Boys, Girls and Infants), Park Road Council (Boys, Girls and Infants), Purlwell Council (Junior Mixed and Infants), Mill Lane Council (Mixed).

12. CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.—During 1934 the percentage of parents attending the routine examinations was 70.1 per cent., as against 66.5 per cent. the previous year.

CO-OPERATION OF TEACHERS and ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.—The co-operation between the School Medical Service and the teachers continues to be cordial, and the teachers give considerable assistance in the carrying out of the work. The Attendance Officers also render valuable help. All Head Teachers are aware that their presence at the medical examinations in their schools is welcomed. This has been the custom for more than twenty years. Every Head Teacher if present is informed of the conditions found at each inspection before the Medical Officer leaves the school premises, as a general rule. The majority are present.

CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES.—On page 15 of the Annual Report for 1930 a list is given of such bodies. During 1934, with a few exceptions, the same were in operation.

13. BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE and EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.—(a) The methods adopted for ascertaining children suffering from these defects have been detailed in former reports. They are customary.

(b) There is no special arrangement made for the supervision of mentally defective children not in Special Schools. Three are known to be at home and four in attendance at elementary schools.

14. FULL-TIME COURSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE AND EPILEPTIC STUDENTS. The Authority does not maintain any such courses. Should such cases be encountered doubtless they would be reported to the appropriate quarter.

15. NURSERY SCHOOLS.—There are none.

16. SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.—The West Riding of Yorkshire County Council is the Authority concerned.

17. PARENTS' PAYMENTS.—Arrangements for recovering the cost of treatment from parents of (a) Children attending Public Elementary Schools exist in the case of the School Clinic, Dental Clinic and the Open Air School. Reference to 5 (c) will show that no payment has been received from parents at the School Clinic during the last seven years. In the case of the Dental Clinic although for some years a payment of 6d. per attendance was the rule it gradually fell into disuse and few parents ever paid anything. Latterly the rule has been more strictly applied in consequence of which the fee is now generally paid. Should poverty prevent payment, which is uncommon generally, free treatment is available under certain conditions. In connection with the Open Air School the following supplied by the Education Department is the summary for the year 1934 :—

Parents of 4 children	paid ...	2 6 p ^s	week
Parents of 1 child	paid ...	2 0	per week
Parents of 2 children	paid ...	1 6	per week
Parents of 1 child	paid ...	0 9	per week
Parents of 3 children	paid ...	0 8	per week
Parents of 12 children	paid ...	1 0	per week
Parents of 1 child	paid ...	0 6	per week
Parents of 22 children	paid ...	Nothing	

- (b) Pupils attending Secondary Schools and other Institutions for Higher Education are under the administration of the West Riding County Council.

18. HEALTH EDUCATION.—The School Medical Service as such has no relation to any health teaching specially designed for the school children of the area. Réference to this subject is made annually in the Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

19. SPECIAL INQUIRIES.—The Young Children Enquiry which was carried out for a number of years was completed in 1932 and the School Medical Officer received the thanks of the Medical Department of the Board of Education for his work in connection therewith. No enquiry was conducted during 1934.

20. MISCELLANEOUS.—In this town scholars employed out of school hours are principally employed in newspaper distribution and as errand boys.

There is no co-ordination of the work of the School Medical Service with that of the Certifying Factory Surgeon of the district. The School Medical Officer examines scholars who are candidates for certificates under the Employment of Children Byelaws.

The School Medical Service is not concerned—apart from paragraphs (a)—with employed children and young persons.

The valuable services rendered by Inspector Lawlor of the N.S.P.C.C. must again be mentioned. For many years his work has been highly appreciated, and all the good things said about him in the past still prevail.

The financial table prepared by the Borough Treasurer showing the cost of the School Medical Service in Batley together with the Board of Education Tables follow herewith.

Payment for treatment of Tonsils and Adenoids is made direct to Batley Hospital. The total cost—not including the Open-Air School—of the School Medical Service to the ratepayers of Batley during 1934 was £893 1s. 1½d., being approximately 1¼d. in the £.

10th January, 1935.

G. H. Pearce, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY.

Cost of Elementary School Medical Service for the Year ended 31st December, 1934.

WILTON PARK SCHOOL.									
Salaries of Teachers									
Superannuation Contributions									
Cod Liver Oil, Milk, etc.									
Fuel, Lighting, Cleaning and Caretaker's Wages									
Use of Mansion and Museum									
Ground Rent									
Repairs, etc.									
Meals supplied to children									
Tokens									
Loan Charges									
Books, Stationery, etc.									
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TABLE I.—RETURN OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

A.—Routine Medical Inspections.

Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups :—

Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	326
Second age group	...	...	...	...	...	453
Third „ „	...	...	...	...	...	466
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1245

Number of other Routine Inspections 165

B.—Other Inspections.

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	464
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	593
Total	...	...	...	...	1057

TABLE II.

A.—Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection in the Year
Ended 31st December, 1934.

DEFECT OR DISEASE.		Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
		No. of Defects.		No. of Defects.	
		Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment	Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Malnutrition		5	5	—	—
Skin.	Ringworm :				
	Scalp	—	—	—	—
	Body	—	—	—	—
	Scabies	—	—	—	—
	Impetigo	2	10	—	—
Other Diseases (Non-Tuberculous)		—	8	—	—
Eye.	Blepharitis	4	6	1	—
	Conjunctivitis	—	—	—	—
	Keratitis	—	—	—	—
	Corneal Opacities	1	1	—	—
	Defective Vision (excluding Squint)	64	148	13	—
	Squint	11	29	8	—
	Other Conditions	1	1	—	—

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Ear.	{ Defective Hearing	10	5	1	—
	{ Otitis Media	5	3	1	—
	{ Other Ear Diseases	—	—	—	—
Nose and Throat.	{ Chronic Tonsillitis only	11	40	1	—
	{ Adenoids only	2	1	—	—
	{ Chronic Tonsillitis and Adenoids	1	—	—	—
	{ Other Conditions	—	—	—	—
	Enlarged Cervical Glands (Non-Tuberculous)	6	42	—	—
	Defective Speech	2	5	1	—
Heart and Circulation	{ Heart Disease :				
	{ Organic	8	—	—	—
	{ Functional	5	1	—	—
	{ Anaemia	2	1	—	—
Lungs	{ Bronchitis	9	15	—	—
	{ Other Non-Tuberculous Diseases ..	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis.	{ Pulmonary :				
	{ Definite	—	—	—	—
	{ Suspected	9	—	1	—
	{ Non-Pulmonary :				
	{ Glands	—	—	—	—
	{ Bones and Joints	—	—	—	—
	{ Skin	—	—	—	—
	{ Other Forms	—	—	—	—
Nervous System.	{ Epilepsy	—	—	—	—
	{ Chorea	—	—	—	—
	{ Other Conditions	—	—	—	—
Deformities.	{ Rickets	4	39	—	—
	{ Spinal Curvature	—	—	1	—
	{ Other Forms	18	27	—	—
	Other Defects and Diseases (excluding Uncleanliness and Dental Diseases)	17	97	—	—

B.—Number of Individual Children found at Routine Medical Inspection to Require Treatment (excluding Uncleanliness and Dental Diseases).

Group. (1)	Number of Children.	
	Inspected. (2)	Found to require treatment (3)
Prescribed Groups		
Entrants	326	37
Second Age Group ..	453	83
Third " " ..	466	60
Total (Prescribed Groups)	1245	180
Other Routine Inspections..	165	1
Grand Total	1410	181

TABLE III.

RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN
THE AREA.

CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE DEFECTS.

Information is only required in respect of children suffering from any combination of the following types of defect :—

Blindness (NOT Partial Blindness).
Deafness (NOT Partial Deafness).
Mental Defect.
Epilepsy.
Active Tuberculosis.
Crippling (as defined in the penultimate category of the Table)
Heart Disease.

State here the number of children suffering from any combination of the above defects	*1
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* Child suffers from total blindness and feeble-mindedness, and is at no school or institution.

BLIND CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Blind	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
1	—	—	—	1

PARTIALLY SIGHTED CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Blind	At Certified Schools for the Partially Blind	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
3	—	—	—	—	3

DEAF CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Deaf	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
2	—	—	—	2

PARTIALLY DEAF CHILDREN.

At Certified Schools for the Deaf	At Certified Schools for the Partially Deaf	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—

MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

Feeble-Minded Children.

At Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	61	—	—	61

EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

Children suffering from Severe Epilepsy.

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	1	—	1

PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

A. Tuberculous Children.**I.—CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM PULMONARY
TUBERCULOSIS.**

(Including pleura and intra-thoracic glands.)

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	2	1	3

II.—CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

(This category should include tuberculosis of all sites other than those shown in (I) above.)

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	—	4	6	10

B. Delicate Children.

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
16	49	—	—	65

C. Crippled Children.

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
1	12	—	2	15

D. Children with Heart Disease.

At Certified Special Schools	At Public Elementary Schools	At Other Institutions	At no School or Institution	Total
—	19	—	—	19

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Local Education Authority, Batley M.B.

Mental Deficiency (Notification of Children) Regulations, 1928.

STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOTIFIED

DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1934 BY THE

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY TO THE LOCAL

MENTAL DEFICIENCY AUTHORITY.

Total Number of Children Notified Nil.

Analysis of the above Total.

Diagnosis.	Boys.	Girls.
1. (i) Children incapable of receiving benefit or further benefit from instruction in a Special School :		
(a) Idiots	—	—
(b) Imbeciles	—	—
(c) Others	—	—
(ii) Children unable to be instructed in a Special School without detriment to the interests of other children :		
(a) Moral defective	—	—
(b) Others	—	—
2. Feeble-minded children notified on leaving a Special School on or before attaining the age of 16	—	—
3. Feeble-minded children notified under Article 3, <i>i.e.</i> , "special circumstances" cases	—	—
NOTE.—No child should be notified under Article 3 until the Board have issued a formal certificate (Form 308M) to the Authority.		
4. Children who in addition to being mentally defective were blind or deaf ..	—	—
NOTE.—No blind or deaf child should be notified without reference to the Board—see Article 2, proviso (ii).		
Grand Total	—	—

TABLE IV.

Return of Defects treated during the Year ended 31st December,
1934.

TREATMENT TABLE.

Group I.—Minor Ailments

(excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Group VI).

Disease or Defect. (1)	Number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme (2)	Otherwise (3)	Total (4)
SKIN			
Ringworm—Scalp			
(i) X-Ray Treatment. If None indicate by dash	—	—	—
(ii) Other	1	—	1
Ringworm—Body	5	2	7
Scabies	Nil.	8	8
Impetigo	47	9	56
Other skin disease	3	Nil.	3
MINOR EYE DEFECTS	36	1	37
(External and other, but excluding cases falling in Group 2).			
MINOR EAR DEFECTS	10	10	20
MISCELLANEOUS	12	1	13
(e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.)			
TOTAL	144	31	145

Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint.

(Excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I)

Disease or Defect. (1)	Number of Defects dealt with.			No. of children for whom spectacles were		
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Otherwise. (3)	Total. (4)	Prescribed (1)		Obtained (2)
				(i) Under the Authority's Scheme	(ii) Other- wise	
Errors of Refraction (including Squint)	225	Nil.	225	209	Nil	209
Other Defect or Dis- ease of the Eyes (excluding those re- corded in Group I.)	Nil	Nil.	Nil.			
TOTAL	225	Nil.	225			

**Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.
NUMBER OF DEFECTS.**

Received operative treatment.									
Under the Authority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital. (1)				By Private Practitioner or Hospital apart from the Authority's Scheme (2)				Total. (3)	
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)
13	1	45	—	—	—	2	—	13	1
								47	—
								Nil.	61

(i) Tonsils only. (ii) Adenoids only. (iii) Tonsils and adenoids. (iv) Other defects of the nose and throat.

Group IV.—Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.

Number of children treated	Under the Authority's Scheme (1)				Otherwise (2)			Total number treated
	Residential treatment with education	Residential treatment without education	Non-residential treatment at an orthopaedic clinic (iii)		Residential treatment with education	Residential treatment without education	Non-residential treatment at an orthopaedic clinic (iii)	
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)		(i)	(ii)	(iii)	
—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	7

Group V.—Dental Defects.

(1) Number of Children who were :—

(i) Inspected by the Dentist :—

	Aged.								
	5.....	254							
	6.....	330							
	7.....	372							
	8.....	412							
	9.....	458							
Routine Age Groups ..	10.....	427							
	11.....	427							
	12.....	387							
	13.....	445							
	14.....	111							
	Total		..	..	..	..	..	..	3623
Specials .. .. .			..	..	..	..	..	..	67
Grand Total .. .. .			..	..	..	..	..	..	3690

(ii) Found to require treatment 2767

(iii) Actually treated 1584

(2) Half-days devoted to :—

Inspection	27							
Treatment	272	Total	..	..	..	..	..	299

(3) Attendances made by Children for treatment .. 2399

(4) Fillings :—

Permanent teeth ..	899							
Temporary teeth ..	60	Total	..	..	..	..	..	959

(5) Extractions :—

Permanent teeth ..	366							
Temporary teeth ..	2669	Total	..	..	..	..	..	3035

(6) Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions Nil.

(7) Other Operations :—

Permanent teeth ..	158							
Temporary teeth ..	30	Total	..	..	..	..	..	188

Group VI.—Uncleanliness and Verminous Conditions.

(i) Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses 22.0

(ii) Total number of examinations of children in the schools by School Nurses 18253

(iii) Number of individual children found unclean .. 439

(iv) Number of children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority .. Nil.

(v) Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :—

(a) Under the Education Act, 1921 Nil.

(b) Under School Attendance Byelaws 1



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